

SUPPORTING DETAILS: UNCOMMON OR RARE SPECIES/HIGH NUMBERS

CBC Name UPPER BUCKS Date 12-21-97 Compiler WM. HART RUFFE
Observer writing this account & date DIANE ALLISON + ROBERT RUFFE 12-21-97

SPECIES WESTERN Tanager NUMBER, AGE, SEX SINGLE BIRD - PROBABLY MALE
Distance from bird(s) 30 FT Relative size of bird ABOUT 2/3 SIZE OF ROBINS NEAR IT.
IT REMINDED ME OF BLUEBIRD IN SIZE

HEAD & NECK (Describe forehead, crown, auricular, malar region, median
line, etc.) SMALL ROUND HEAD - MEDIUM ^{SILVER GRAY} BILL - NO FACIAL MARKINGS -
COLOR OF HEAD WAS yellow with peachy cast and a hint of crimson on throat
blending into chest.

EYE & LORES (Describe supercilium, ring, stripe, color, etc.)
DARK EYES - NO EYERING

UPPER & LOWER MANDIBLES SILVER GRAY MEDIUM BILL - STRAIGHT

LEGS & FEET DARK

UPPERPARTS (Describe nape, back, rump, upper tail coverts, etc.)

nape - yellow, back - ~~yellow~~ ^{dark} olive drab, rump - yellow
upper tail coverts - yellow

UNDERPARTS (Describe throat, belly, side, flanks, crissum, etc.) yellow with
hint of crimson on throat blending into yellow on breast
and belly and fading through flanks to buff-yellow at vent.

RECTRICES (Describe inner, middle, outer tail feathers, color pattern, shape,
etc.) Tail was plain and dark olive.

WING (Describe color, length, shape, linings, bars, coverts, leading &
trailing edges, etc.) Dark olive like tail with 2 whitish wing
bars.

VOCALIZATION NONE

BEHAVIOR ~~FLY~~ FLEW IN WITH A GROUP OF ROBINS IN
RESPONSE TO THE PLAYING OF AN EASTERN SCREECH OWL
TAPE RECORDING. WAS AGITATED + CURIOUS ABOUT OUR OWL TAPE.

Date of observation 12-21-97 Time 9:25am Weather ^{SUNNY} Clear Sky clear - cloud free

Duration of observation about 3 minutes Bird - Sun orientation FRONT HT - FULL SUN.

Exact location ^{NORTH END OF} ELEPHANT ROAD - AT ENTRY OF BUCKS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

Habitat WOODED AREA Other observers DIANE ALLISON - ROBERT RUFFE - STEVEN ALLISON

Optical equipment 10X42 binocs 10X binocs 10X42 binocs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ALL 3 OBSERVERS HAVE SEEN WESTERN
TANAGERS IN THEIR NORMAL LOCATION.

AN ACCOMPANYING SKETCH OR PHOTOGRAPH CAN BE MOST HELPFUL

Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

Date of Sighting: 21 December 1997 to 21 December 1997

Location: NOCKAMIXON

County: BUCKS

Observer(s): Diane Allison, Steven Allison, Robert Rufe

Date of Submission: 1997

Submitted by: Diane Allison

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO NO SPECIMEN NO RETURNING TO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				A bs ta in
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D. Couchman			X					
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess			X					
R. Ickes			X					
J. McWilliams			X					
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald			X					
TOTALS			6					1
DECISION			X					

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary): 

Date: 1/14/01